On August 22, 2008, Defendant Motherhood Maternity removed this action from the superior court to this Court. Based upon the Court's review of the documents accompanying the Notice of Removal [Doc. No. 1], it appears that Motherhood Maternity is the only Defendant that has filed an answer. In light of the fact that numerous Defendants have yet to file responsive pleadings in this case, the Court finds it inappropriate to convene an Early Neutral Evaluation Conference ("ENE") at this time. See Civil Local Rule 16.1(c) (explaining that the "judicial officer shall hold [conferences] as he or she deems appropriate").

The Court will conduct a <u>telephonic</u>, <u>attorneys-only</u> Case Management Conference on <u>September 29, 2008</u> at <u>1:15 p.m.</u> Plaintiff's counsel shall initiate the conference call. Failure of required counsel to participate may result in the imposition of sanctions.

BARBARA L. MAJOR

United States Magistrate Judge

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: August 26, 2008

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23 HONORABLE ROGER T. BENITEZ U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

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